Could you have

By Jana Larsen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Instructions on how to safely handle suspicious parcels were e-mailed to all Cal Poly faculty members last Tuesday. This is a precautionary step in preventing anthrax outbreaks here at Cal Poly.

The governor’s office mandated all state agencies not to open any mail or parcels from any outside entity or unknown source. Cal Poly Police notified employees on Monday to cease opening off-campus mail until all employees could be trained on how to safely handle suspicious mail.

“The e-mail went to all employees that work at Cal Poly and all campus clubs that receive mail,” said Ray Berrett, police investigator with University Police. “It’s not just employees but all of the students that work at the university or that are involved in clubs.”

The notice that was e-mailed to the faculty and staff provided training information on how to handle mail, the identification of suspicious parcels and the health concerns of Anthrax. This information has been developed by the FBI, the California Office of Emergency Services and other health professionals.

The precautionary guidelines on mail handling included washing hands with soap and warm water before and after handling mail and using disposable latex gloves if there are open cuts or skin lesions on hands. It was also recommended that employees do not eat, drink or smoke around the mail.

Most importantly, people should not panic, walk around with the item, shake it or discard it.”

“I recommend double bagging the suspicious letter and sealing it,” Berrett said. “Then wait for someone who knows what to do with it.”

The close monitoring of suspicious parcels is to help Cal Poly students and employees to be better prepared.

“The better prepared, the (more) relaxed you become,” said Berrett.

“The more information available, the better people will feel.”

Berrett also recommended that department that handle large amounts of mail use disposable latex gloves as a precautionary step. Also recommended by Harry Hellenbrand, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts, is using electronic communication.

“We are going to follow what they (the University Police) tell us,” Hellenbrand said.

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Night Riders

By Emily Schwartz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

This year, some students and faculty who once relied on the bus for a ride home after dark have been forced to find an alternative mode of transportation.

The City of San Luis Obispo has discontinued its late evening bus service, which ran from 7 to 11 p.m. This year, the evening service, which began in September 1999 for a six-month trial period, was eventually cut two years later because it produced an insufficient number of riders while service costs such as fuel, labor and maintenance increased by 45 percent.

With transit costs coming in so much higher, it was clear that we had to cut something,” said Austin O’Dell, transit manager for San Luis Obispo. “After looking at it closely, cutting the evening service seemed to be the most logical choice.”

O’Dell said the alternative was to reduce daytime service hours, which would have had a more severe impact on the approximately 4,000 people who rely on the city bus daily for their transportation needs, 42 percent of which are Cal Poly students.

“It’s unfortunate that we had to make a decision like this,” O’Dell said. “No one likes to cut service.”

While most of the university bus riders use the daytime service for their daily commute to school, some students with night classes have been inconvenienced by this change.

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The future of higher education

By Stephen Curran
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Five journalism alumni will be returning to their alma mater tonight to discuss the future of higher education in California.

The forum, entitled "Higher Education: Fundamentals and the Future," is part of the California Dreamin' series sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts. Alumni, including keynote speaker Sen. Bruce McPherson, R-Santa Cruz, will be present.

"I think that higher education needs to look at new tests ahead of them in the future," McPherson said. "I think it's time to take a chance and learn something new."

McPherson, a 1965 journalism alumna, will be focusing on education fundamentals in his speech. He said the Cal Poly "learn by doing" philosophy is crucial in his plans for revamping the state's education system.

"Cal Poly has the application of knowledge and learn by doing process," McPherson said. "It's proven its worth and impact."

Among the panel will be San Francisco Chronicle reporter and editor John Hubbell, San Jose Mercury News reporter Julia Puszo Sulek, Los Angeles Times reporter and Pulitzer Prize-winner George Ramos and legal affairs reporter for the Los Angeles Times Peter H. King.

"I think it's important to see the things that research has brought. I'm not a scientist, but I do believe it's important to have a gathering like this," said Bruce McPherson, state senator.

Hellenbrand also said that it is important for residents of the state to look at where their state is headed.

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Pepper spray and its consequences

By Kat Corey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Walking alone in a dark, desolate parking lot at all hours of the night can be dangerous, even in a quiet town like San Luis Obispo. Since circumstances like these cannot always be avoided, there are self-defense devices that can aid in these situations.

Pepper spray is an extremely effective defense tool, said Scott Smith, a Pismo Beach police sergeant, but users must know how to handle it properly. If not used solely for self-defense it is a crime, he said.

Smith will be explaining how to use pepper spray, as well as all the legal and ethical issues associated with it, at a Pepper Spray for Self Defense class. The class, put on by the City of Pismo Beach Recreational Division, is Thursday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Pismo Beach Veterans’ Building on Bella Street. Participants will receive their own pepper spray for a material fee of $10.

Some of the topics Smith will be covering include how to be prepared for an attack, how to use pepper spray in the target areas and what to do afterward. Pepper spray is a powerful chemical agent, Smith said, and he has experienced its effects firsthand.

"If you inhale some, it restricts your breathing, and the pain is excruciating," he said. "It takes the fight out of you."

Pepper spray is not regulated right now, and it can be purchased almost anywhere, but it can be misused. Smith said there are certain legal restrictions on pepper spray that people do not know about. For example, he said, it cannot be over 2.5 ounces, and people who are addicted to drugs or have been convicted of a felony cannot possess it.

Smith said there are certain types of pepper spray that are not as effective as others. Some people carry a small can that can be attached to a keychain. He said he doesn't recommend this type because it only works if the perpetrator is a few inches away.

"It's a shame these classes aren't a requirement for people who carry pepper spray."

"We want to give you something that you can use before the person gets a hold of you," Smith said.

He said that pepper spray does not last forever and that it should be changed every couple of years. Ray Berrett, University Police investigator, said he highly recommends taking a class on how to use pepper spray.

"It's a shame these classes aren't a requirement for people who carry pepper spray," he said. "It is important for people to know its limitations."

Through his training experiences, Berrett said, even with the pepper spray in hand, the victim is almost never able to hit their target.

"I've seen too many people who have it and have no idea how to use it," Berrett said.

The chemical agent does not work on everyone and can take up to one and a half minutes to work, Berrett said. It is important to regularly check it to make sure it works. He also said that not every type works.

"The kind you buy at Kmart is totally ineffective," he said.

Berrett recommended Galls.com, an on-line catalog that sells products to law enforcement agents as well as civilians. Participants can register for the class at Pismo Beach City Hall, 260 Marine Road. For more information, visit www.pismobeach.org or call the Pismo Beach Recreation Division at (805) 773-7683.
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Natural Briefs

Insurance claims from attack could top $70 billion

NEW YORK — Insurance claims from the terrorist attacks are expected to reach between $30 billion and $70 billion dollars, four times the estimate that were made directly after the disaster. But it could take years for the final totals to become evident.

Claims have been coming in slowly, in a new damage around the World Trade Center is discovered, but claims for business interruption and liability could take years to settle.

Until the attacks, the record for insurance losses came from the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, which hit $20 billion.

Insures may need to react fast to this new capital into their balance sheets so they can handle claims from the attacks. Some companies have done this by increasing their premiums by 100 to 200 percent. — Reuters

Anthrax searches for on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON — Offices on eight floors in the southeast corner of the Hart Senate Office Building were closed Tuesday and tested for anthrax. Tests confirmed that a letter mailed to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, whose office is located in the building, contained a strain of anthrax that was expected to make a full recovery.

The recovery effort has cost the Navy over $60 million. The letter will be tossed six miles out to sea and allowed to sink after the recovery effort is complete. — Associated Press

Morning-after pill to be available without prescription in California

Gray has approved a bill that will allow women to get emergency contraceptives directly from a pharmacist without a doctor's prescription.

The law will take effect in January and does not specify whether girls under 18 will be able to take advantage of the legislation.

Washington has a similar practice and Xerox women have used it in three years. Other states are expected to follow suit. Experts predict that if morning-after pills, such as Plan B and Pros, are made available without prescription in all states, it could halve the number of unintended pregnancies in the United States, which is currently at 63 per 100 women. This could also reduce the number of abortions. One in four pregnancies result in abortion.

Morning-after pills are chemically identical to some birth control pills and are not the same as the abortion pill. The morning-after pills work by delaying ovulation and in some cases prevent a newly-fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus. — San Jose Mercury News

Giuliani to be knighted

NEW YORK — Prince Andrew and the Duke of York have each announced plans to award New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani with honorary knighthood for his work in the World Trade Center disaster. New York City's police commissioner, Bernard Kerik, and his fire commissioner, Thomas Von Essen, will also be awarded awards later this year at Buckingham Palace.

Giuliani said that he was "humbled and grateful" by the award, but that it was "extraordinary." The awards are for the actions to save British lives, and the help and support given to British families.

It is estimated that there were about 100 British victims in the tragedy. Giuliani will not be able to use the title "Sir Rudolph" since he is U.S. citizen. — Reuters

International Briefs

Middle East

KABUL, Afghanistan — An International Red Cross warehouse in Kabul was hit Tuesday during the American-led airstrike. Red Cross says that one Afghan staff member was seriously injured and that the warehouse was set on fire. The reports are being investigated, said a Pentagon spokeswoman. The Red Cross has had an official complaint with the U.S. government.

The warehouse is only a kilometer from the U.S. embassy. Other TV news organizations disregarded CNN’s embargo and made an evaluation," CNN said it asked bin Laden to surrender the 1970 massacre during a shipyard protest, which was overturned by the Supreme Court.

Wojciech Jaruzelski, 78, has reopened his homeland in the southern Philippines. The Abu Sayaf is holding two Americans and has asked for the release of Marcial Marcos, who was "for everyone." The Abu Sayaf is a radical group that supports the al-Qaeda and is fighting for an Islamic homeland in the southern Philippines. — Reuters

South Pacific

MANILA — Imelda Marcos, 72, the former first lady of the Philippines, surrendered to an anti-graft order Tuesday and quickly paid bail. She has been charged with stealing $70 million of illegal wealth in Swiss banks. The Marcos family is accused of amassing illegally while her husband, Ferdinand Marcos, was in still power. The arrest order was for four cases of graft, and each carries a 10 to 17-year jail penalty. The cases are among the 100 criminal and civil suits that were filed against the Marcos family and from accusations that date to the early 1990s. Some estimate the Marcos’ assets at $13 billion.

Ferdinand Marcos denies the charges and claims that her husband was a wealthy man before he came into power.

In 1993, Marcos was convicted of a separate graft case and sentenced to 12 years in jail. In 1998, the conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court.

Ferdinand Marcos ruled the Philippines for 20 years until a people’s power revolt removed him from power in 1986. He died three years later in Hawaii, where his family had fled after the result. — Reuters

South Pacific

ISABELA, Philippines — Eleven members of the guerrilla group Abu Sayaf were killed Tuesday when troops closed in on them. The Abu Sayaf is a radical group that supports the al-Qaeda and is fighting for an Islamic homeland in the southern Philippines. The Abu Sayaf is holding two Americans and has asked for the release of Marcial Marcos, who was "for everyone." The Abu Sayaf is a radical group that supports the al-Qaeda and is fighting for an Islamic homeland in the southern Philippines. — Reuters

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CNN

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six-hour exclusive on pictures coming out of Kabul from Al Jazeera, with CNN has a video-sharing arrangement. Other TV news organizations disregarded CNN’s embargo, citing the pictures’ newsworthiness.

On the possibility of a bin Laden interview, CNN’s competitors took a wait-and-see attitude. "We welcome the fact that they would share it, and we’ll look at it and make an evaluation," said a CBS News spokeswoman. NBC and ABC said they would discuss airing it. Fox News Channel said it doesn’t know enough about the situation to comment. Among the questions submitted, CNN said it asked bin Laden to detail his role in the Sept. 11 attacks and subsequent “anthrax attacks” in the United States. Additionally, CNN asked bin Laden to explain how he and his followers can advocate killing innocent people and how they respond to criticism from Muslim and Arab leaders. CNN also asked whether there were ties to other countries. The Sept. 11 hijackers or accomplices received al Qaeda financial support or training, whether any other government or organization was involved, whether bin Laden and his followers have weapons of mass destruction and if so, whether they plan to use them. The network said it has no idea when it may hear back.

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The room is quiet. Christmas lights, old-fashioned chandeliers, and staff animal heads decorate the walls. There are also a few photos of Italy, which complement the slow Italian music playing softly in the background. The tables, made of wood, are covered with vinyl red-and-white checkered tablecloths. Paper napkins with stainless steel knives and forks are set at the table. "How are you doing tonight?" asks Jenny Mitchell, a 22-year-old sociological student.

Student Directory information to modify in organization Phone, Email Address, Major and Area of Interest. This listing includes Name, student is working at Pinky Carmine's at 542-9595. For more information, call Pinky Carmine's at 542-9595.

The legend of Pinky Carmine says that he was a young Italian immigrant, barely in his teens, who was in search of fortune and adventure. He became a helper to the trail cook for the California-bound group of immigrants who left the town of Independence, Mo., in 1841.

Apparently Pinky fed his company trail food, with "heaping portions of pasta, meats heartily seasoned in family tradition, and tomatoes grown from seeds of his homeland and dried for travel," according to an excerpt from the History of San Luis Obispo County.

Pinky set up on the California Central Coast, opening This Ole House and then turned into A.J. Spurs. In February of this year, A.J. Spurs closed down because its location in Grover Beach took almost half of its business away from the Roadhouse location, Delmore said. Almost all of the employees at A.J. Spurs were relocated to its other locations in Templeton, Grover Beach and Avila Beach. Only one former A.J. Spurs employee is now working at Pinky Carmine's.

Pinky Carmine's is owned by King Venture Enterprises, which also owns local restaurants such as The Cliffs at Shell Beach, the Apple Farm and the Inn at Morro Bay.

Pinky Carmine's is located at 740 W. Foothill Blvd. in San Luis Obispo. It opens at 4:10 p.m. and serves dinner until 10:30 p.m. For more information, call Pinky Carmine's at 542-9595.

There is a nice selection of appetizers (appetizers), including garlic bread, toasted ravioli, bruschetta, meatballs sticks and a few more. The menu includes salads and pizza as well as different pastas and entrees. Although the spaghetti aglio olio (olive oil and garlic) with vegetables could use a bit more garlic, it still has a wonderful flavor. The vegetables include mushrooms, broccoli, carrots and zucchini (which could stand to be cut in thicker slices) — a bit too big to eat in one bite. Beverages include soft drinks (served in plastic glasses with red straws), coffee and espresso drinks, beer and many local wines, as well as specialty cocktails.

The dessert menu is enticing: spumoni, bread pudding with caramel sauce, cannoli with chocolate sauce and tiramisu. My advice — stay away from the bread pudding. It's a bit spongy and has some mystery ingredients in it.

Another mystery surrounding the restaurant is the tale that a ghost haunts the Pinky Carmine's building. Jim Delmore, general manager at Pinky Carmine's, said the legend goes that the restaurant used to be an old farmhouse occupied by an elderly couple. One day, the wife decided to go into town with her girlfriends to watch a movie. Supposedly, the husband passed away while the wife was gone and his spirit has haunted the restaurant ever since.

"He's a friendly ghost," Delmore said. "But there's definitely some sort of spirit here."

Delmore is a friend of the owner, John King.

"We wanted to blend the Old Country with the Old West," Delmore said. "There are really interesting pieces in this place... we wanted to keep it as a spaghetti western."

Delmore wanted to call the restaurant Spaghetti Western, but King came up with the idea of calling it Pinky Carmine's, because of his deep interest in Western history, Delmore said.

Food

ASI Student Directory

Each year the Associated Students, Inc., produces a Student Directory which is made available to all students, faculty and staff at Cal Poly.

The ASI Student Directory provides a listing for all students attending Cal Poly. This listing includes Name, Phone, Email Address, Major and Class Level for each student on campus. Anyone who does not wish to have their personal information included in the Directory should contact Mustang Info: www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu.

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In a plastic re-sealable bag, combine black pepper, salt, paprika, brown sugar, cayenne pepper, allspice, 2 teaspoons of ginger and the chopped parsley. Add flank steak and coat evenly. Seal bag and refrigerate for 1 to 12 hours.

Grill for 8 to 10 minutes. Allow meat to rest 10 minutes before slicing. In a small non-reactive bowl, combine sesame oil, rice wine vinegar, soy sauce and sugar. Stir until sugar dissolves. Add remaining ginger and jalapeño. In a wok pan, combine dressing and scallions. Cook 1 to 2 minutes. Add cabbage and carrot and toss until heated through, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and add cilantro. Combine sliced flank steak and cabbage slaw and serve on warm pita wraps.

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Firestone satisfies late-night munchies

By Lauren Chase

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A favorite Wednesday night post-Mother’s activity used to be “The slice of the day” from Woodruff’s. But now it’s chicken strips from Firestone Grill. Wait ... I thought Firestone closed at 11 p.m. No, Firestone is now open until 1 a.m. from Thursday through Saturday.

“I think it’s a really good idea,” said Brian Hirsch, a construction management senior. “It’s on my walk home from downtown so it’s a good place to stop.”

This week will be the third week that Firestone will remain open late, manager Dannel Harris said. It will give students a chance to go to events such as football games and not have to hurry here before we close, Harris said.

The first two weeks have been relatively successful for just starting out, but hopefully after word gets out more people will come in, said a Firestone employee.

“I like the sports atmosphere,” Hirsch said. “It’s unique to downtown. With major league baseball playoffs it’s a good idea that they’re going to be open late.”

They will be offering food like burgers, chicken sandwiches, onion rings, french fries and chicken strips, Harris said. “The restaurant section will be closed, but the bar will be open to order food and drinks,” Harris said.
Opinion

People do not run their lives based on movies

No one wants to see Paul Walker strap on a seat belt before he races down the street in "The Fast and the Furious." No one cares if a character doesn't buckle up when he hops into his car. People live vicariously through movies, they go to the movies for entertainment to engage their own lives. It that means excluding such monstrous details as putting on a seat belt, so be it.

Recently, the Los Angeles Times reported a study done by St. Louis University's School of Public Health. The study found that the film industry is promoting driving without a seat belt, and that movie characters wear seat belts less often than the average American. Of course it isn't safe to die in and out of traffic. People know that. If actors started to pick their noses on camera, does that mean most of the time in the world to sit around a coffee shop. I've never paid $5.50 for a soda or had a problem with the fact that a fashion designer got some into Harvard Law School in "Legally Blonde." As a viewer, I choose to overlook what I know is unrealistic in order to just sit back and enjoy. Besides, most of the time I'd have to look really hard to find something as minimal as a character not wearing a seat belt.

If I wanted to learn valuable driving skills or seat belts safely, I'd totaly understand the intent of the movie. Education and watch such memorable shorts as "Red Asphalt." If people are so concerned with promoting drivers' safety, why not make a law in all states that requires drivers to make things up? For example, only 70 percent of Americans wear seat belts, compared to 90 percent of drivers who wear seat belts in California, where a law has been passed.

Movies aren't of great importance in an

Letters to the editor

No one mentions Japan's misdeeds in bomb debates

Editor,

There are many who disagree with the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and I understand their point. That point is not the question. Our history is a very controversial and emotional subject, like the death penalty or abortion. No one seems to mention that we didn't volunteer to go to war, even though it was inevitable. Japan came to us and we gave them all we had - like many sports enthusiasts hate the complete loser (soldiers) just to invade an island we don't want anything to do with. The Japanese were some of the most gruesome fighters in the war, but because of the bombing, decapitating and torturing they maintained throughout the length of the war and beyond. The last Japanese soldier to surrender was 20 some odd years after the mainland surrendered - this after they continued to kill American forces on the tiny islands in the Pacific. Like our current situation, if someone gives me a reason, realistic, rational view of what could or should have been done, I'm more than willing to listen and maybe change my view.

James Maita is an industrial engineering junior.

Having a different opinion isn't being un-American

Editor,

After reading the opinion page of Oct. 16, I was somewhat upset. The low blows that have been passed through the opinion page are getting out of hand. Why is it that some writers have the skewed perspective that being an American means agreeing with them? While Travis Hertlein had a few very valid points in his letter to the editor, his choice to call anyone an American is harmful and mean. While I may agree that, overall, the point of make-believe is to make things up or exaggerate the truth. Not everything in movies has to be real - anything goes.

James Medina is an economics sophomore.

Everybody shut up and stop bickering

Editor,

Everybody needs to just shut up. Pro-war, anti-war - shut up. Pro-draft, anti-draft - shut up. Pro-atomic bomb, anti-atomic bomb - shut up already. Bickering back and forth in a school newspaper is not the way to change the world. The only thing letters to the editor can have a good chance of changing is the newspaper itself. Speaking of which, I think it was stupid and unnecessary to put "Chris Heiser is an advocate of violence against the state and its agents," (Oct. 16) even if Chris Heiser signed his letter this way. I don't need to hear that.

Colin Bartolome is a computer science sophomore and advocate of tying Chris Fleisler to a rocket bound for the sun.

James Kottken is a representative for the 33rd Assembly District.

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"He's probably interpreting for the Taliban."
Lack of housing, pay makes finding new faculty hard

By Mallia Spencer
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Scurrying the classifieds. Visiting countless real estate agents. Driving through neighborhoods looking for the ever-elusive rent sign. These activities all sound like the typical college-student weekend, but has now become the life of the college professor.

Skrosher housing prices in the area surrounding Cal Poly, which at one time an asset, are quickly becoming liabilities. Each year, Cal Poly recruits nationwide for new tenure track faculty, and the ability for them to relocate becomes a key factor in accepting or declining a position. This year, the school was only 77 percent successful and filled 48 faculty positions.

It is up from fall 2000 when only 26 new professors were hired. Even with the slight improvement, Associate Vice President of Academic Personnel Michael Suess said, "that still isn't acceptable, we would like to have a much higher percentage."

Retention applicants becomes difficult when they come to San Luis Obispo and are overwhelmed by the cost of living here, Suess said.

The median price of a single family home in San Luis Obispo is $282,400 and last year, the average pay of an associate professor was $49,000 a year.

"We have had a number of our new faculty members who have decided to resign just because they have been unable to find satisfactory housing for themselves and their families," Suess said.

One resigning faculty member went so far as to send Suess photos of the houses he could afford and it was "painful," Suess said. So far, the difficulty of retaining and recruiting faculty hasn't reached crisis state, but it is having a negative impact.

"Each year, we (Cal Poly) have to re-advertise positions, which means that there is a lag time of getting tenured track faculty into the classrooms with students, not only affecting the availability of classes but, in some cases, impacting the quality of instruction."

In an effort to alleviate the problems of housing for new faculty, Cal Poly is getting into the real estate business.

Cal Poly is currently in the planning stages of constructing 85 apartment-style rental units on 5.16 acres of university-owned land at Santa Rosa Street and Highland Drive, and 165 single family homes for sale on 24 acres of land on Highway 1 north of the Department of Forestry.

Initial surveys performed by the university show a high interest in this type of faculty housing, Suess said.

More problems with finding teachers

On top of San Luis Obispo having a tight housing market, Suess said there are several more problems to blame for the difficulty in finding and retaining teachers.

One big issue is the small job market of San Luis Obispo, which makes it difficult for spouses of new faculty members to find employment.

Another factor that is particular to Cal Poly is the level of competition the university is in for private industry and research institutions, Suess said. Many times these other employers are offering higher salaries than Cal Poly.

"Poly faculty are paid by the state, Suess said, and the state funding for professors is not determined by the market.

Some private universities have reportedly begun giving bonuses to faculty who stay in education rather than move to private industry.

Some universities have offered stipends, housing and insurance benefits to attract new teachers. This is a practice Cal Poly is unable to perform, Suess pointed out, because it is a public employer.

The problem Cal Poly is facing has developed because of the aging population of current faculty. Many tenured professors are reaching retirement age and the school anticipates replacing 30 percent of the positions within the next 10 years, Suess said. This plus increased enrollment has increased the demand for tenure track faculty.

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Mechanical engineering senior Geoff Nichols said he uses the bus to get to school everyday except Wednesdays, the only day of the week that he has a night class. Since his class ends after 7 p.m., Nichols said he reluctantly drives to school on Wednesdays, forced to deal with the stress of parking and possibly being late for class.

"I like the idea of taking the bus and not having to contribute to the mass of people that to drive to school," Nichols said. "It's a hassle to have to drive when I could ride the bus. I know if I make the bus, I'll make it to class on time."

The schedule change has not affected all loyal users, however. Liberal studies junior Jessica Presnall relies on the bus for her daily commute between school and home, but she said that even if it were offered, she wouldn't use the night service simply because of safety issues.

"I don't feel safe taking the bus after dark," Presnall said. "The bus drops me off about three blocks from my house, and I just wouldn't feel comfortable walking home by myself late at night."

Presnall said she bought a night parking permit so that she could drive to school on days that she has evening classes. The permit is $17 and can be used to park on campus after 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Ironically, as the night service was cut from the bus schedule, Cal Poly added 28 more night classes this quarter, creating an even bigger need for an evening transportation service on campus.

"Because we have increased the night classes, I see it affecting us more this year than last year," said Deby Anderson, coordinator of commuter and access services for Cal Poly.

Anderson said one alternative for students who have late classes is to use the escort van for a ride home.

The van transports students within a half-mile radius of campus. It runs on weekdays from dusk until midnight and, like the bus, is free to students.

"We anticipate a greater use of the escort service this quarter," Anderson said. "We really encourage students to take advantage of it."

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to do and take it step by step," Hellenbrand said. "However, so much that we do is done electronically now, and I recommend that most employees communicate by e-mail with a virus protector on their computer."

The Office of Admissions also sent out a statement that it would operate under the FBI-recommended guidelines for processing mail.

"The admission process (filling applications) will not really be affected by this, especially considering that applications must be filed electronically," said James L. Maraviglia, executive director of admissions and recruitment.

The University Police will offer on-site training regarding the issue of handling mail and arrangements can be made by calling 756-2281.